

Models of the Universe – Spring 2006  
Talking Point for class discussion April 4, 2006

At the beginning of each class we will have a discussion period. In preparation for this, you will be asked to put your thoughts on paper in the form of a one-page assignment to turn in at the beginning of class.

Johannes Kepler was not a happy camper. He had a miserable life: tormented by inner demons, a hypochondriac, obsessive, compulsive, and repulsive. But there is hope for him. Miraculously, one of Dr. Copernicus's prescriptions can cure him and make him "normal." Just one tablespoon of donkey urine once a week will make him happy, well adjusted, and *normal*. The only side effect is the. As Kepler's friend, do you advise the poor creature to take the magic medicine and become perfectly normal? Sick puppy, or normal? Tortured genius, or normal? It's your call. Please think about the cost/benefit of Kepler becoming normal and write a one-page recommendation addressed to him.